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SUBJECT: AMERICAN FRIENDS OF SIKKIM

1. MR. TUNG OF DEBEVOISE PLIMPTON CALLED AT USUN APRIL 10 ON BEHALF OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF SIKKIM. HE CITED OPINIONS FROM LEGAL SCHOLARS FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF WORLD TO EFFECT SIKKIM QUESTION IS NOT INTERNAL INDIAN AFFAIR AND THAT SIKKIM COMPARES WITH MANDATED TERRITORIES ENTITLED TO SELF DETERMINATION. FRIENDS OF SIKKIM WANT NEUTRALLY SUPERVISED REFERENDUM ON FUTURE OF SIKKIM AND WOULD LIKE US TO BRING MATTER BEFORE SECURITY COUNCIL. HE ARGUED THAT OWING TO SIKKIM'S STRATEGIC POSITION, PRESENT SITUATION CONSTITUTES THREAT TO PEACE; THAT THERE HAVE BEEN ACTS OF AGGRESSION AS DEFINED BY UN; AND THAT BREACHES OF PEACE HAVE ALREADY OCCURRED. IF IT NOT POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE REFERENDUM, FRIENDS OF SIKKIM HOPE US WILL AT LEAST TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT "FURTHER LOSS OF LIFE" AND PROTECT CHOGYAL AND NATIONALISTS WHOSE LIVES ARE BELIEVED TO BE IN DANGER.

2. WE UNDERTOOK TO REPORT GROUP'S REPRESENTATIONS TO DEPT. WE POINTED OUT THAT US HAS NOT ACCORDED CHOGYAL INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AND DISCUSSED UNLIKELIHOOD THAT UN WOULD TAKE POSITIVE ACTION EVEN IF REQUESTED TO DO SO
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BY A MEMBER STATE. MR. TUNG OFFERED TO PROVIDE A SUBSTANTIAL

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